



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR AGENDA
of
September 22, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a **Regular Meeting on September 22, 2025**, beginning at **6:00 PM** in the **Council Chambers at 1109-B Bayou Road La Marque, Texas as well as via video-conference hosted through Zoom (councilzoom.cityoflamarque.org)**. In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Government Code the presiding officer and a quorum of the La Marque City Council intend to be and will be physically present at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas. This location will be open to the public and the meeting will be broadcast at this location, on Channel 16, and via YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6G8ypjyEDo>).

The Council will meet for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PRESENTATIONS
 - 4.I. Award: Texas Water Utilities Association (TWUA) Alliance Award
 - 4.II. Proclamation: Baby Stewart Foundation
 - 4.III. Proclamation: Paul's Union Church Founder's Day
5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON

Comments from the public will be heard at this time. Any person with city-related business who has signed up may speak to Council (limited to three (3) minutes). If wishing to speak give the Mayor or presiding officer your full legal name and the item you wish to speak about. In compliance with Texas Open Meeting Act, the City may not deliberate on comments. Personal attacks will not be allowed, and personnel matters should be addressed to the City Manager during normal business hours. *Press *6 to mute or unmute if you are participating by telephone, press the unmute button if attending via zoom on a smartphone, tablet or computer, or stand if attending in person, and the mayor will call on you in turn.*

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS
Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input on:

6.I. Ordinance No. O-2025-0018

Making appropriations for the support of the City of La Marque for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the city's indebtedness; and adopting the annual budget for the City of La Marque for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

6.II. Ordinance No. O-2025-0019

Levying ad valorem taxes for use and operation of the municipal government of the City of La Marque, Texas for the 2025-2026 tax year; Providing for appropriating each levy for specific purposes; and, providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid. A tax rate of \$0.452161 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of La Marque
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS (M&O) TAX RATE: \$0.336908 Per \$100
INTEREST AND SINKING (I&S) TAX RATE: \$0.115253 per \$100
PROPOSED TAX RATE: \$0.452161 per \$100

7. OLD BUSINESS

Items presented to the Council for discussion and possible action:

7.I. 2024 Single Audit

Approving the final audit for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 - *Finance / Administration*

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7.IV. Boards and Commissions Appointments

Appointing, reappointing, and/or removing members of boards, commissions, and committees - *City Clerk*

8. NEW BUSINESS

Items presented to the Council for discussion and possible action:

- 8.I. Ordinance No. O-2025-0022
Amending Fire Prevention and Emergency Services fees in the La Marque Code of Ordinances Schedule of Fees - *Fire*
- 8.II. Ordinance No. O-2025-0023
Adopting an Amended Ordinance for Article III of the La Marque Code of Ordinances Coin Operated Amusement Machines - *Code Enforcement*
- 8.III. Ordinance No. O-2025-0024
Approving an Ordinance for increasing residential solid waste collection fees and charges - *Utility Billing*
- 8.IV. Resolution No. R-2025-0038
Authorizing certain officers of the City to sign and endorse checks and drafts of the City of La Marque bank accounts - *Administration*
- 8.V. Resolution No. R-2025-0039
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- 8.VI. Resolution No. R-2025-0040
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- 8.VII. Resolution No. R-2025-0041
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- 8.VIII. Resolution No. R-2025-0042
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- 8.IX. Amendment to Hiring Freeze
Requesting to amend the city's hiring freeze to add a Financial Accountant II - *Finance / Administration*
- 8.X. Contract with Economic Development Corporation
Entering into a contract with the Economic Development Corporation for a loan agreement - *Finance*
- 8.XI. Fire Collective Bargaining Agreement
Approving the economic and non-economic negotiations of the Fire Collective Bargaining Agreement 2025-2028 - *Fire / Administration*
- 8.XII. Police Collective Bargaining Agreement
Approving the economic and non-economic negotiations of the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement 2025-2026 - *Police / Administration*

8.XIII. Interlocal Agreement - Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force FY 2025 - 2026
Requesting the approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force FY 2025-2026 - *Police*

8.XIV. Interlocal Agreement - City of La Marque and Drainage District #2
Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Galveston County Drainage District #2 to maintain ditches - *Public Works / Administration*

8.XV. Request for Qualifications: Grant Administration Services
Requesting qualifications for grant writing services for the City of La Marque - *Administration*

9. CITY MANAGER REPORT

A submitted report to update Council and Community on the standard operations of the City. This report can be acknowledged as whole or discussed at the pleasure of Council.

9.I. August 2025 Municipal Court Monthly Statistics

9.II. August 2025 Crime Rate Statistics

9.III. Monthly Projects Report

9.IV. Items for the Good of the Order

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council for the City of La Marque, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.087 (Economic Development)

11. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requests by Mayor and Council Members of items to be placed on future City Council agendas and announcements on city events/community interests TEX. GOV'T CODE §551.415. (b), "items of community interest" include: (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; (2) information regarding holiday schedules; (3) an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutary recognition for purposes of this subdivision; (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality or county; and (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality or county that has arisen after the posting of the agenda

13. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on or before September 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Kasey Lott
Deputy City Clerk